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In Re Application of)	
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Serial No.: 10/072,644)	
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Filed: February 8, 2002)	
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For: IN-SITU STRUCTURAL HEALTH)	
MONITORING, DIAGNOSTICS AND)	
PROGNOSTICS SYSTEM UTILIZING)	
THIN PIEZOELECTRIC SENSORS)	

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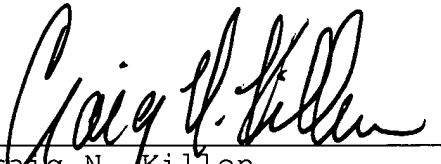
Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Notice of Nonresponsive Amendment mailed September 16, 2004. In the Notice, the Examiner indicated that newly-added claims 3-31 (Group II) are directed to a different invention than original claims 1-2 (Group I). Because an Office Action on the merits had already been issued in response to claims 1-2, the Examiner indicated that these claims had been constructively elected.

Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the requisite fee. Applicant elects the claims of Group II (claims 3-31) and requests their consideration in accordance with the amendment of September 8, 2003.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter,
please contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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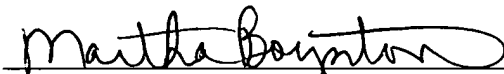
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